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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action dated February 12, 2002, the shortened statutory period of response to which extends through May 12, 2002.

**REMARKS**

**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1-37 stand rejected.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-23 and 25-37 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-49 of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,050 B1 issued to Alaia et al.

Claims 6, 15, and 24 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-49 of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,050 B1 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,014,627 issued to Togher et al.

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